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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	June 14, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Metzner, DVM, President
Rachel Longfellow, LVT, Vice-President
Courtney Manetti, VMD
Lynn Nellius, LVT
Lena Corder, Public Member
Roberta Jackson, VMD

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBER ABSENT

Kimberly S. Vincent, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. India Imperatore
Dr. Alfred Rayne
Dr. Regina Jensen
Lorena Hartnett, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Metzner called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting. Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Meeting with Heather Hirst – Update on Proposed Revisions to Title 3, Chapter 80 and Regulations for Euthanasia of Animals Held in Animal Shelters

Dr. Jensen, Assistant State Veterinarian, updated the Board on the proposed revisions to Title 3, Chapter 80 and Regulations for Euthanasia of animals held in animal shelters. Ms. Jensen reported that the Department of Agriculture will not be going forward with the proposed legislation during this legislative session. The Department does plan to proceed with the proposed legislation and regulations in January, 2012.

The Board will need to draft proposed legislation for euthanasia technician licensure or certification. Board members should also start reviewing the statute to see if there are any other revisions that need to be made. This item will be on a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Recent Superior Court Decision-Administrative Record – Ms. Heeney

Ms. Heeney advised Board members about a recent Superior Court decision which impacts all administrative boards. The decision states that administrative boards can only rely on information entered into evidence and must deliberate on the testimony and documents provided to them at the hearing.

RULE TO SHOW HEARINGS

Dr. India Imperatore

Ms. Heeney called the rule to show cause hearing to order at 11:07 a.m. This hearing was held for Dr. India Imperatore to show cause why the Commission should not take disciplinary action against her license for failure to provide proof of completion of the required 24 hours of approved continuing education during the August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010 licensure period. Dr. Imperatore was present for the hearing. She presented testimony and answered questions from Board members. Verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter.

At 11:21 a.m., the Board went off the record to hold deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 11:37 a.m. Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to issue a continuance and grant Dr. Imperatore an extension to provide course syllabus and/or description of the courses “Intro to Neuroscience” and “Brain and Behavior” completed at the University of Delaware during the August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010 licensure period which will be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting which is scheduled for June 14, 2011. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 11:39 a.m.

The Board took a recess from 11:43 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.

Dr. Alfred Rayne

Ms. Heeney called the rule to show cause hearing to order at 11:49 a.m. This hearing was held for Dr. Alfred Rayne to show cause why the Commission should not take disciplinary action against his license for failure to provide proof of completion of the required 24 hours of approved continuing education during the August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010 licensure period. Dr. Rayne was present for the hearing. He presented testimony and answered questions from Board members. Verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter.

At 11:58 a.m., the Board went off the record to hold deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 12:10 p.m. Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to issue a continuance and grant Dr. Rayne an extension to provide proof of the 1.5 hours of continuing education taken through the DVMA or to present the content, description and appropriate time schedule for the Practice Management Group meetings during August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 12:12 p.m.

Dr. Vanessa Olenick

Ms. Heeney called the rule to show cause hearing to order at 12:14 p.m. This hearing was held for Dr. Vanessa Olenick to show cause why the Commission should not take disciplinary action against her license for failure to provide proof of completion of the required 12 hours of approved continuing education during the August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010 licensure period. Dr. Olenick was not present for the hearing. The certified mail green card had been returned to the Board office showing that Dr. Olenick has received the hearing notice. Verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter.

At 12:15 p.m., the Board went off the record to hold deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 12:34 p.m. Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius that the Board suspends the license of Dr. Olenick effective immediately and to grant a continuance until July 1, 2011 for Dr. Olenick to provide proof of completion of 12 hours of approved continuing education. If Dr. Olenick does not comply, her license will be revoked with no further notice or hearing. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 12:39 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

Review of Application for the VTNE

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following person to sit for the VTNE:

Kimberly DeCarlo

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Ratification of Applications for Veterinary Technician Licensure by Examination

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to ratify the following persons for veterinary technician licensure by examination:

Christine Simms
Sage Willis
Brandon Laufer
Mary Drolette
Rose Gates
Tori Schwab
Michelle Sametz
Lauren Ienello
Brian Laycock
Alyson Lundstrom
Kelly Rousseau
Ashley Bolen
Luci Morano
Chinyere Muntu
Gary Brand
Elisabeth Krill
Kerri Forrester
Barbara Hopper

The motion was unanimously carried

Review of Application for Veterinarian Licensure by Examination

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to amend the agenda to change review of application to sit for the VTNE for Meredith Miller to review of application for veterinarian licensure by examination. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following person for veterinarian licensure by examination:

Meredith Miller

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications for Veterinarian Licensure by Reciprocity

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to ratify the following persons for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity:

Michelle McClain
Lynda Lilyestrom
Kathryn Wotman
Heather Craven
Kristian Rhein
Andrea Lam
Edward Hart
Meggan Hain
Taryn Gassert
James Hunt
Sarah Curtis

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Veterinarian Licensure by Reinstatement

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to ratify the following application for veterinarian licensure by reinstatement:

Benjamin Cassutto

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for the VTNE

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manetti to approve the following persons to sit for the VTNE:

Heather D'Amarino
Amber Lynch
Bethany VanHoose
Christina Coleman
Thomas Warren
Lisa Marie Cosco
Judith Sumner
Amy Peters
Erin Bennett
Frances Kay
Jenna Magill
Heather Woodbrey
Melissa Oryniak
Leetrice Lynn
Lisa Cerasoli-Sullivan
Michael Weigman
Kara Powers
Aimee Powers
Jean Firetto
Krystal Hardesty
Melanie Powell
Ashlee Fisher
Alisa Borino
Amanda Novicelli
Jessica Simchick
Maureen O'Carroll
Cortney Otolo
Amanda Spencer
Kristen Mothershed
Elizabeth Watts
Fawn Dougherty
Laura Osgood
Angela Tipton

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manetti to approve the following persons to sit for the VTNE pending receipt of the noted information:

Jessica Gonzalez – copy of current license from Dr. David Spranklin
Jennifer Karey – pending receipt of correct answer to question #11
Lindsay Knowlton – pending receipt of answer to question #16

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Veterinary Technician Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to amend the agenda to change ratification of application for veterinary technician licensure by examination for Sandra Wielgosz to ratification of application for veterinary technician licensure by reciprocity. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to approve the following person for veterinary technician licensure by reciprocity:

Sandra Wielgosz

The motion was unanimously carried

Review of Applications for Veterinarian Licensure by Reinstatement

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to approve the following persons for veterinarian licensure by reinstatement:

Andrew Elser
Natalie Campbell

The motion was unanimously carried.

Final Denial of Application

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to final deny the application for the following person since she did not request a hearing regarding the Board's proposal to deny of her application:

Kathleen Donovan

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Requests

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jackson to approve the following continuing education requests:

Roberta Musser – AALAS Learning Library
Series: Introduction to Research Animal Methodologies – 13 hours

Chesapeake Veterinary Referral Center
6th Annual Spring Conference – 6 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Longfellow to table the following continuing education request pending further review:

International Veterinary Acupuncture Society
Basic Course in Acupuncture

The motion was unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

Complaint No. 28-08-11 – Closed (Contact Person – Dr. Metzner)
Complaint No. 28-10-11 – Closed (Contact Person – Dr. Metzner)
Complaint No. 28-11-11 – Assigned to Ms. Longfellow
Complaint No. 28-12-11 – Assigned to Dr. Manetti

Review of Documentation from Licensees Selected for Audit

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to accept the audit documentation from the following licensees:

Amanda Lawrie
Stephanie Stieler
Kala Shaw

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Letter from Dr. Charles Schenck Regarding the RACE Committee

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Charles Schenck regarding the RACE Committee. The Board took no action on this letter.

Review of Letter from the Registry of Alternative and Integrative Veterinary Medical Education Regarding the RACE Committee

The Board reviewed the letter from the Registry of Alternative and Integrative Veterinary Medical Education regarding the RACE Committee. The Board took no action on this letter.

Review of Memorandum from AVMA Regarding Accreditation of the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

Board members reviewed the memorandum from the AVMA regarding accreditation of the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. According to the memorandum, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine was granted full accreditation status for a period of seven years at the March 6-8, 2011 meeting. An ECFVG certificate would not be necessary for those graduating on or after January 20, 2011 in order to sit for state board examinations.

Review of Memorandum from AVMA Regarding Accreditation of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia

Board members reviewed the memorandum from the AVMA regarding accreditation of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia. According to the memorandum, effective March 6-8, 2011, the AVMA Council on Education granted full accreditation status to the University for a period of seven years. The AVMA recommends that graduates who receive their degrees after February 3, 2011 be afforded the same propriety as that applied to graduates of accredited United States or Canadian veterinary medical schools and colleges. An ECFVG certificate would not be necessary to sit for the state board.

Memorandum from AAVSB Regarding Association Activities and Updates for 2011

The Board reviewed the memorandum from the AAVSB regarding the association activities and updates for 2011. This was for informational purposes only.

Review of Letter from Carrington College Regarding their Online Veterinary Programs

The Board reviewed the letter from Carrington College regarding their online veterinary programs. The College will be advised that their programs must be approved by the AVMA.

Review of Article from Dr. Metzner for the DVMA Newsletter

The Board reviewed the article that Dr. Metzner had written for the DVMA Newsletter. Ms. Vincent made changes to the article and gave them to Dr. Metzner. Dr. Metzner will forward the revised article to Ms. Melvin. Ms. Melvin will forward the article to Mr. Collins, Director for Division of Profession Regulation, for approval to be put in the Newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

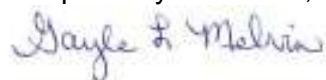
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Melvin
Administrative Specialist III